following paragraph:

Figure 23 shows a comparison between Adonis palaestina ε-cyclase cDNA #3 (SEQ ID NO: 46) and cDNA #5 (SEQ ID NO: 62) nucleotide sequences.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 16-17, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figure 24 shows a comparison between Adonis palaestina ε-cyclase cDNA #3 (SEQ ID NO: 47) and cDNA #5 (SEQ ID NO: 50) predicted amino acid sequences.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 18-19, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figure 25 shows a sequence alignment of various plant β- and ε-cyclases (SEQ ID NOS 48-61, respectively, in order of appearance). Those sequences outlined in grey denote identical sequences among the ε-cyclases. Those sequences outlined in black denote identical sequences among both the β- and ε-cyclases.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 21-22, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figure 26 shows a sequence alignment of the plant ε-cyclases from Figure 25 (SEQ ID NOS 48-54, respectively, in order of appearance). Those sequences outlined in black denote identical sequences among the ε-cyclases.